



Association for Family &  
Systemic Psychotherapy

# Northern Ireland AFSP branch report

## 2026 AGM

**Report period:** 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

**Branch:** Northern Ireland

**Chair:** Mary O'Neill (from Oct 2025 – Clare Macauley prior to this)

**Committee members:** Clare Macauley (outgoing chair), Mary O'Neill (chair from AGM to present), Dione McGuigan (branches rep), Jane McGeary (student rep), Nick Greenberg (treasurer), Megan Quinn (secretary) Margaret Fawcett, Lorraine Lyttle, Ursula McKeown, Jennifer McKinney, Suzanne Mooney, Arwyn Davies (stepped down from committee at AGM), Anthony Watson (stepped down from committee at AGM)

**Address where meetings generally held:** Online via Microsoft Teams

**Meeting frequency:** Bi-monthly

**Date of last branch AGM:** 15 October 2025

## Plans for the next 12 months

Continue with 'Celebrating our Practice' events to connect with systemic community across the region and promote practice that is being undertaken within various contexts. Inviting local practitioners to host online webinars. We are working towards an in-person training event later in the year.

We have commenced a regular in-person journal club for social interaction and discussion of an article or paper.

The committee is making more links with FTAI to help keep members informed of training events across the island of Ireland.

No finance issues of note.

The committee are beginning to think about our 50th anniversary, AFT NI is 50 years in year 2027/2028. We want to celebrate – would consider a regional celebration or potential to bid to host the wider UK conference and join our 50th celebrations with the general conference line-up.

## General comments

The Northern Ireland branch of the Association of Family and Systemic Psychotherapy (AFSP NI) serves the entire systemic community across the North of Ireland. We actively promote systemic practice and family therapy, fostering strong professional connections between therapists working in diverse settings throughout the region. The branch provides opportunities for networking, partnership, and continued learning. We are supported by close links and working relationships with Queen's University Belfast, the regional health and social care trusts and the voluntary sector.

Our chair, Mary O'Neill, is a long-standing committee member and contributes nationally through AFSP UK's registration committee. We have a well-established committee and welcome new members, encouraging anyone interested in joining our branch and mailing list to contact our secretary, Megan Quinn, for further information on [aft.northernireland@aft.org.uk](mailto:aft.northernireland@aft.org.uk).